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NO DIST. [] REL 5353 FROM TWO RELIABLE SOURCES
WITH CONTACTS IN ARAB LEAGUE CAIRO DATED 19 APRIL.

1. HILE IN CAIRO ~~SAFWAT PASHA~~ TOLD LEAGUE DELEGATES AND ~~WUFTI~~ THAT POSITION OF ARAB FORCES, ESPECIALLY THOSE UNDER ~~FAWZI~~ ~~DAWUD~~, VERY BAD. JEWS PRESSING HARD AND LIKELY UNLESS STEPS TAKEN THAT STRATEGIC AREAS OCCUPIED BY BRITISH WOULD AFTER 15 MAY FALL INTO HANDS OF JEWS. LEAGUE SOURCES TOOK VIEW THAT ARMISTICE PROPOSED BY U.N. WOULD BE RELIEF TO ARABS.

2. LEAGUE DELEGATES DECIDED:

- DIVERSION. A. SOUTHERN FRONT MUST BE OPENED FROM SINAI BORDER AS**

- D. ~~ABDULLAH~~ SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TAKE ACTION WITH ARMY
PREVENTING KEY POSITIONS BEING TAKEN BY JEWS.

3. SAFWAT PASHA LEFT FOR TRANSJORDAN ON 19 APRIL TO ARRANGE
ACTION WITH ABDOULLAH. HE WAS THEN GOING TO DAMASCUS.

4. LEAGUE OFFICIALS' ACCOUNTS OF SCALE OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY EGYPT WERE INDEFINITE. ONE OFFICIAL STATED THAT 15 OFFICERS WERE DELEGATED BY EGYPT GOVERNMENT FOR SERVICE IN PALESTINE AND

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WERE GIVEN GOOD DEAL OF EQUIPMENT. WILL BE OSTENSIBLE VOLUNTEERS
GIVEN LEAVE TO AVOID APPEARANCE OFFICIAL DIRECTION. ANOTHER OFFICIAL
SAID LARGE NUMBER VOLUNTEERS FROM EGYPT ARMY AT EL ARISH WOULD GO
TO ACTION.

5. ACTION ON LINES STATED ABOVE SUPPOSED TO BEGIN 21 APRIL.
AUTHORITIES VERY DISTURBED WHEN REFERENCES TO IT APPEARED IN THE
PRESS ON 19 APRIL. SAZZANI (PASHA) HELD PRESS CONFERENCE WARNING
JOURNALISTS OF LEAKAGE. INFORMED THEM OF BAD NEWS BROUGHT BY
SAFIAT PASHA, ADDING THAT ARABS FINDING DIFFICULTY IN GETTING
ARMS DELIVERY FROM FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND.

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